

**From:** [Mason, Steve](#)  
**To:** [McQuiddy, David](#)  
**Subject:** FW: VERSION 2 of Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident - comments incorporated  
**Date:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 6:52:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [Answers to April 30 Letter from Senator Boxer - all comments to date incorporated V2 5-8-13 VP.docx](#)

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**From:** Principe, Vanessa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:43 PM  
**To:** Jennings, Kim; Belke, Jim; Franklin, Kathy; Jacob, Sicy; Bosecker, Elizabeth; Haas, Craig; Averback, Jonathan; Gerardin, Margaret; Gattuso, Peter; Santiago, Armando; Guarneiri, Lisa; Smith, Monica; Swenson, Erik  
**Cc:** Matthiessen, Craig; Kelley, Rosemarie; Vanroden, Victoria; Broyles, Ragan; Goodfellow, Bob; Petersen, Chris; Ruhl, Christopher; Mason, Steve; Webster, Susan  
**Subject:** RE: VERSION 2 of Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident - comments incorporated

[A few comments/suggestions. V](#)

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**From:** Jennings, Kim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:59 PM  
**To:** Belke, Jim; Franklin, Kathy; Principe, Vanessa; Jacob, Sicy; Bosecker, Elizabeth; Haas, Craig; Averback, Jonathan; Gerardin, Margaret; Gattuso, Peter; Santiago, Armando; Guarneiri, Lisa; Smith, Monica; Swenson, Erik  
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Hi all,

Thank you all for the great comments. Attached is the revised documents which (I hope) includes all of the comments you sent to me. Please take another quick look) and let me know if I missed anything or if you have additional comments/suggestions.

Jon and Erik – you may want to start sending up your chain of command.  
Monica – I split your responses between Questions 1 and 8.

I will be sending this up to Larry and Dana tomorrow afternoon, so I will need you comments/suggestions by noon tomorrow (May 8<sup>th</sup>).

Thanks again,  
Kim

202-564-7998

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**From:** Jennings, Kim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 10:17 AM  
**To:** Belke, Jim; Franklin, Kathy; Principe, Vanessa; Jacob, Sicy; Bosecker, Elizabeth; Haas, Craig;

Averback, Jonathan; Gerardin, Margaret; Gattuso, Peter; Santiago, Armando; Guarneiri, Lisa  
**Cc:** Matthiessen, Craig; Kelley, Rosemarie; Vanroden, Victoria  
**Subject:** FW: Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident

Hi All,

We have drafted responses to the several questions we received from Senator Boxer on the West, Texas facility incident. Thanks to Jim, Vanessa, and Kathy. We are under a tight timeline and will not be granted an extension, so we need to get these responses back to Senator Boxer by May 16<sup>th</sup>. So, if I can get your comments by midday on Thursday (5/9), then we can get the revised version to Larry and Dana for their review and up to our AA by early next week. If you need more time, please let me know, we have the option of sending shorter, general responses and follow-up with more in-depth responses later.

Thanks,  
Kim

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**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 7:45 PM  
**To:** Tulis, Dana; Matthiessen, Craig; Stanton, Larry; Jennings, Kim  
**Cc:** Bergman, Shawna; Fine, Ellyn; Brooks, Becky  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident

I discussed an extension with OCIR. They will not provide an automatic extension. We are expected to produce the responses we can complete by the due date. An interim letter with the responses we could complete by the due date would be transmitted with a commitment to provide the rest of the responses at a later date. Thank you.

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**From:** Tulis, Dana  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 11:54 AM  
**To:** Matthiessen, Craig; Deitz, Randy; Stanton, Larry; Jennings, Kim  
**Cc:** Bergman, Shawna; Fine, Ellyn; Brooks, Becky  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident

I think we need to ask for an extension, Randy, can you help us with that?

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**From:** Matthiessen, Craig  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 10:34 AM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy; Stanton, Larry; Tulis, Dana; Jennings, Kim  
**Cc:** Bergman, Shawna; Fine, Ellyn; Brooks, Becky  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident

Hi, Randy;

We received and are beginning the response development process. I assume this will also arrive in CMS and the response should be signed by Mathy.

We have serious concerns regarding the timeframe given existing priority commitments this week

(chemical program/enforcement conference for two days), the need for OECA and OGC review, potential regional review, front office review, and furloughs. We'll give it our best shot recognizing that Congressionals usually don't get a time extension. This item is in the press which is also flooding us for responses and diverting attention.

Craig

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**From:** Deitz, Randy

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 4:23 PM

**To:** Stanton, Larry; Tulis, Dana; Matthiessen, Craig; Jennings, Kim

**Cc:** Stanislaus, Mathy; Feldt, Lisa; Breen, Barry; Bergman, Shawna; Fine, Ellyn; Brooks, Becky

**Subject:** Senator Boxer letter and questions regarding West, Texas facility incident

I have attached a letter and series of questions from Senate EPW Committee Chairman Boxer regarding the West, Texas facility incident. OEM should take the lead in responding to the questions. The letter asks for final responses by Thursday, May 16. Rather than provide long lists of chemicals pursuant to some of the questions, we can provide web links if the information is available on-line. Since we may need Regional input and OGC input, and will need OSWER IO review, we will need to factor that into the response timeline. If you have questions, please let me know. Thank you.